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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

DOWNEY - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following lane and ramp closures for the first phase of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lane reconstruction and pavement replacement project on the eastbound and westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from Downey Avenue in Bellflower to Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach. The following overnight closures will be in effect, weather permitting, nightly, Monday, August 21 through Saturday, August 26, for pavement work. At least one lane will be open to traffic in each direction at all times.

Westbound SR-91:

Nightly, August 21 through August 25

- 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. - Northbound I-710 connector to westbound SR-91
- 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. - One regular use lane between Myrtle Avenue and I-710
- 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. - One regular use lane between northbound and southbound I-710
- 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. - Up to five regular use lanes between I-710 connector and Long Beach Boulevard
- 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. - One regular use lane from southbound I-710 connector to westbound SR-91

Nightly, August 24 through August 25

- 8 p.m. to midnight - One regular use lane between Myrtle Avenue and I-710 connector
- 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. - One regular use lane westbound SR-91 at I-710
- 8 p.m. to midnight - One regular use lane westbound between the I-710 connector and Long Beach Boulevard
- 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. - Westbound SR-91 connector to southbound and northbound I-710
- 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. - Westbound SR-91 connector to northbound I-710

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Eastbound SR-91:

Nightly, August 21 through August 24

- 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. - One regular use lane from eastbound SR-91 from Santa Fe Street to I-710
- 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. - One regular use lane between I-710 and Downey Road

Nightly, August 24 through 26

- 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. - One regular use lane eastbound SR-91 at I-710 connector
- 8 p.m. to 11 a.m. - One regular use lane between I-710 and Myrtle Avenue
- 7 p.m. to noon - Eastbound SR-91 connector to northbound and southbound I-710

August 25

- 7 p.m. to 10 a.m. - One regular use lane between I-710 connector and Myrtle Avenue
- 8 p.m. to noon – Northbound and southbound I-710 connectors to eastbound SR-91

SR-91 is one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County and was also one of the first freeways to offer carpool lanes. As a result of heavy use, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear. New pavement will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Completion of the entire project, which covers SR-91 from Downey Avenue to Vermont Avenue, is fall 2008.

Caltrans advises motorists to “**Slow For The Cone Zone.**”

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